## **Selected BLS Economic Indicators**

# Lancaster



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Pennsylvania, Lancaster, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES).** 

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
Northeast	214.7	219.501	2.2
Northeast (size class B/C)*	127.3	129.563	1.8
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
Northeast	211.0	215.802	2.3
Northeast (size class B/C)*	127.6	129.856	1.8
Producer Price Index, U.S.	April	April	Percent
(1982 = 100)	2006	2007	change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

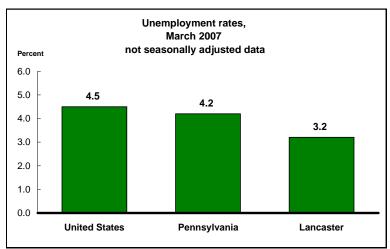
<sup>\*</sup>Northeastern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100) Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

## Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,255.0	6,913.0	-342.0	-4.7
Pennsylvania	317.1	264.1	-53.0	-16.7
Lancaster	10.0	8.6	-1.4	-14.4

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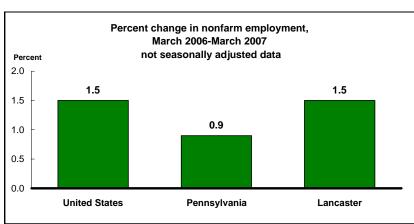
Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	1st Qtr. 2006	1st Qtr. 2007	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers	2000	2007	Change
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
Northeast	100.9	104.0	3.1
Middle Atlantic	100.9	104.2	3.3
Occupational Wages	Mean Hourly Earnings		
Selected Occupations		May 2005	
Lancaster			
All Occupations	\$16.12		
Education, training, and library	21.33		
Office and administrative support	13.33		
Construction and extraction	17.47		
Sales and related	14.74		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	28.00		
Food preparation and serving related	8.69		
Production	14.37		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	17.06		
Transportation and material moving	12.92		

#### Nonfarm payroll employment

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

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Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	134,868.0	136,835.0	1,967.0	1.5
Pennsylvania	5,697.8	5,751.3	53.5	0.9
Lancaster	233.0	236.6	3.6	1.5

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